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Paul M. Ducker, et al.

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For: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE
EMPLOYING AN ABSORBENT COMPOSITE,
AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 23, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 4150
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 23, 2004, Applicants request consideration of the following Remarks/Arguments and entry of the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An Appendix including a Clean Copy of the Claims is attached following page 13 of this paper.